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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 8038.0021

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Yasuo Kobayashi ) Group Art Unit: 3749  
Application No.: 09/655,787 ) Examiner: K. Rinehart  
Filed: September 6, 2000 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR SURFACE TREATMENT )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a third-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of November 14, 2003. A fee of \$840.00 is enclosed. Applicants filed a first-month extension of time on March 15, 2004 together with the \$110.00 extension fee.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 27, 2004

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